

KEILHAUER

Sewer

Full-time position + company provided benefits

Who is Keilhauer?

Founded in 1981, Keilhauer is a privately owned, design focused contract furniture manufacturer. Keilhauer manufactures seating and tables for all the different ways that people work. Keilhauer products are thoughtfully made to support communications and engagement in spaces such as meeting rooms, offices, collaboration areas, lobbies and lunchrooms. Working with world-renowned furniture designers, Keilhauer is internationally recognized for award-winning design, built with extreme craftsmanship, to the highest environmental standards.

SUMMARY

As an integral member of a production cell, the Sewer uses expertise to transform pieces of textiles and leather into beautiful, strong covers for our upholstered furniture using an industrial sewing machine. The Sewer is efficient and pays accurate attention to product quality during all sewing activities and follows all safety protocols and workplace policies. Extensive on-the-job training is required to become proficient in all product models.

This role is best suited to a skilled sewer who enjoys working in a team environment and takes pride in producing quality workmanship. Keilhauer depends on your expertise to serve our customers by meeting the demands of a busy production schedule and delivering high quality product in a timely manner.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Creates slip covers skillfully and according to instructions

- Sews quality covers as integral part of production process for standard and special orders;
- Aligns parts, fasteners, and trimmings, following seams, edges, or marking;
- Selects threads and zippers according to specifications or colour of parts;
- Trims excess threads and edges of covers to achieve desired look of quality product;
- Identifies and addresses issues with materials, ensuring quality standards are upheld;
- Manages time and prioritizes tasks to ensure completion of daily production schedule;
- Steams completed chairs when required;
- Assists new/temporary employees with understanding tasks;
- Contributes as a reliable and effective team member within and across cells.

2. Performs all tasks in keeping with Keilhauer's safety and quality standards

- Ensures quality of work meets Keilhauer standards;
- Reports any incidence of non-conformance or unacceptable quality;
- Maintains and cares for sewing machine and other tools, and keeps work areas clean and orderly; informs cell leader of issues;
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QUALIFICATIONS

- Previous experience working in a fast-paced manufacturing facility an asset;
- Completion of high school or training/education from a vocational/trade school is an asset;
- General knowledge of industrial sewing machines and their use;
- Rework skills and hand-eye coordination is a must.

ESSENTIAL PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL REQUIREMENTS

- **Communication:** Must be able to read and write in English; must be able to speak English or communicate in American Sign Language (ASL); must work well with others and communicate respectfully.
- **Mobility:** Must be able to sit for prolonged periods of time in the production cell; some reaching, bending, squatting and stooping required; must maneuver across a cement floor to access various areas of the production facility; prolonged use of ankle and knee are required in order to work the treadle; may be required to perform work function at either Keilhauer location; may be required to help in other areas to meet business needs.
- **Manual Dexterity & Coordination:** Must have the strength, dexterity and coordination to sew thick fabrics and leathers, possibly with fire retardant backing; must be able to use an industrial sewing machine, including threading the needle, working the treadle and cleaning the machine; must use hands, wrists and fingers to repetitively grip tightly and push/pull materials; must grip and use hand tools, such as scissors and mallets.
- **Vision:** Specific vision abilities required by this job include the ability to thread sewing needles, trim threads, view stitching and seams, differentiate shades, matching materials and patterns to inspect and evaluate the quality of work.
- **Cognitive Ability:** Must have the experience and ability to work an industrial sewing machine with minimal guidance; must read and interpret work guidelines, safety instructions and operating manuals; must have the ability to learn and retain knowledge of various styles; often required to work on multiple styles in a single day; must use common sense and be able to carry out written and/or oral instructions.

WORKING CONDITIONS

While performing the duties of this job, the employee spends 100% of their time in the production plant environment, where they may be exposed to airborne dust particulates and noise. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate to loud.

- Must be capable of multi-tasking and able to work with minimal supervision;
- Must be able to wear personal protective equipment, as required (ex. ear plugs, safety shoes);
- Must maintain a sense of urgency under tight deadlines;
- May be required to work at either Keilhauer location;
- Willing to participate in training relevant to the position or industry;
- May occasionally be required to work overtime to meet business needs.

Keilhauer is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive, respectful environment for all employees. Keilhauer is committed to providing accommodations for people with disabilities where possible.

Please send your resume to careers@keilhauer.com or by fax to (416) 759-5723 and tell us how you would be a great fit.

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We thank you for your interest, and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted.